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Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 10.9 million head on March 1, 2010. The inventory was three percent below March 1, 2009.

Placements in feedlots during February totaled 1.67 million, one percent below 2009. Net placements were 1.60 million head. During February, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 320,000, 600-699 pounds were 365,000, and 700-799 pounds were 520,000 and 800 pounds and greater were 460,000. Marketings of fed cattle during February totaled 1.72 million, two percent above 2009. Other disappearance totaled 68,000 during February, 21 percent below 2009.

### Cattle Placed on Feed by Weight Group, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots, by Month - United States

Month	Year	Less than 600 lbs	600-699 lbs	700-799 lbs	800+ lbs	Total
		(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)
February .....	2009	320	385	538	435	1,678
January .....	2010	*395	445	*562	420	*1,822
February .....	2010	320	365	520	460	1,665

\*Revised

### Cattle and Calves on Feed, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots, by Month, State, and United States

State	Number on feed February 1		Placed during February		Marketed during February		Other disappearance during February		Number on feed March 1	
	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)
Arizona .....	349	290	26	21	32	24	1	1	342	286
California .....	480	455	36	51	54	48	2	8	460	450
Colorado .....	1,020	960	190	160	165	175	5	5	1,040	940
Idaho .....	215	*200	38	36	37	40	1	1	215	195
Iowa .....	520	600	62	69	61	66	1	3	520	600
Kansas .....	2,260	2,240	420	405	375	415	15	10	2,290	2,220
Nebraska .....	2,400	2,370	310	365	370	370	10	15	2,330	2,350
New Mexico .....	158	(D)	9	(D)	18	(D)	1	(D)	148	(D)
Oklahoma .....	330	365	51	54	49	62	2	2	330	355
South Dakota .....	225	235	43	52	39	44	4	3	225	240
Texas .....	2,810	2,700	430	365	410	400	10	15	2,820	2,650
Washington .....	151	166	28	30	25	27	1	1	153	168
Other States <sup>1</sup> .....	370	403	35	57	47	46	3	4	355	410
United States .....	11,288	*10,984	1,678	1,665	1,682	1,717	56	68	11,228	10,864

\* Revised

D Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

<sup>1</sup> Includes unpublished New Mexico totals for 2009.

## Chickens and Eggs

### Florida

Table egg production in Florida during February 2010 was 197 million eggs, 11 percent below the previous month. Total egg production was 201 million eggs compared to 227 million eggs the previous month.

### United States

U.S. egg production totaled 6.90 billion during February 2010, down slightly from last year. Production included 5.92 billion table eggs, and 983 million hatching eggs, of which 915 million were broiler-type and 68 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during February 2010 averaged 339 million, down one percent from last year. February egg production per 100 layers was 2,038 eggs, up one percent from February 2009.

All layers in the U.S. on March 1, 2010 totaled 339 million, down slightly from last year. The 339 million layers consisted of 281 million layers producing table or market type eggs, 55.0 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.96 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on March 1, 2010, averaged 73.1 eggs per 100 layers, up one percent from March 1, 2009.

## Hogs and Pigs

### United States

U.S. inventory of all hogs and pigs on March 1, 2010 was 64.0 million head. This was down three percent from March 1, 2009 and down two percent from December 1, 2009.

**Layers and Eggs-Selected States and United States: February 2010**

Selected States	Average layers on hand	Egg production	Rate of lay per 100 layers
	(1,000)	(millions)	
Alabama.....	9,309	157	60.2
Arkansas.....	12,241	219	63.9
California.....	19,460	410	75.2
Colorado.....	3,571	80	80.0
Connecticut.....	2,545	53	74.4
<b>Florida.....</b>	<b>9,664</b>	<b>201</b>	<b>74.3</b>
Georgia.....	17,628	348	70.5
Illinois.....	4,514	98	77.5
Indiana.....	23,822	498	74.7
Iowa.....	54,103	1,096	72.3
Maine.....	3,601	79	78.4
Maryland.....	2,308	49	75.8
Michigan.....	10,325	222	76.8
Minnesota.....	10,383	220	75.7
Mississippi.....	6,101	111	65.0
Missouri.....	7,074	148	74.7
Nebraska.....	9,379	205	78.1
New York.....	4,031	89	78.9
North Carolina.....	13,274	249	67.0
Ohio.....	27,133	553	72.8
Pennsylvania.....	23,458	523	79.6
South Carolina.....	4,394	84	68.3
Texas.....	17,980	367	72.9
Utah.....	3,377	66	69.8
Virginia.....	3,422	61	63.7
Washington.....	6,500	132	72.5
Other States.....	29,100	584	
<b>United States.....</b>	<b>338,697</b>	<b>6,902</b>	<b>73.1</b>

**Hogs and Pigs Inventory Number, Sows Farrowing and Pig Crop - United States**

Item	2009	2010	2010 as % of 2009
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	
March 1 Inventory			
All hogs and pigs .....	65,819	63,988	97
Kept for breeding .....	5,992	5,760	96
Market .....	59,828	58,228	97
Market hogs and pigs			
by weight groups			
Under 50 pounds .....	19,809	19,017	96
50 - 119 pounds .....	16,426	15,993	97
120 - 179 pounds .....	12,732	12,477	98
180 pounds and over .....	10,862	10,742	99
Sows farrowing			
December-February <sup>1</sup> .....	3,011	2,901	96
March-May <sup>2</sup> .....	3,018	2,898	96
December-May <sup>1 3</sup> .....	6,029	5,799	96
June-August <sup>2</sup> .....	2,959	2,887	98
September-November .....	2,974		
June-November .....	5,933		
Pig crop			
December-February <sup>1</sup> .....	28,552	27,873	98
March-May .....	29,012		
December-May <sup>1</sup> .....	57,564		
June-August .....	28,718		
September-November .....	28,833		
June-November .....	57,551		

<sup>1</sup> December preceding year.

<sup>2</sup> Intentions for 2010.

<sup>3</sup> Actual farrowings for December 2009-February 2010 plus intentions for March-May 2010.

Breeding inventory, at 5.76 million head, was down four percent from last year and down two percent from the previous quarter. Market hog inventory, at 58.2 million head, was down three percent from last year and down two percent from last quarter.

The December 2009-February 2010 pig crop, at 27.9 million head, was down two percent from 2009 and down two percent from 2008. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 2.90 million head, down four percent from 2009 and down six percent from 2008. Sows farrowed during this quarter represented 50 percent of the breeding herd. The average pigs saved per litter was a record high 9.61 for the December 2009-February 2010 period, compared to 9.48 last year. Pigs saved per litter by size of operation ranged from 7.40 for operations with 1-99 hogs and pigs to 9.70 for operations with more than 5,000 hogs and pigs.

## Hatchery Production

### Florida

The February hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 4.54 million, was 34 percent above a year earlier. Broiler-type eggs in incubators on March 1, at 4.11 million, was 38 percent above a year ago.

### United States

Broiler-type chicks hatched during February 2010 totaled 700 million, down slightly from February 2009. Eggs in incubators totaled 643 million on March 1, 2010, up one percent from a year earlier.

Leading breeders placed 7.36 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during February 2010, up two percent from February 2009.

Egg-type chicks hatched during February 2010 totaled 40.1 million, up nine percent from February 2009. Eggs in incubators totaled 38.8 million on March 1, 2010, up four percent from a year ago.

Domestic placements of egg-type pullet chicks for future hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 296 thousand during February 2010, up 16 percent from February 2009.

### Hatchery production - United States

Item	2009	2010	2010 as % of 2009
<b>Egg Type</b>	(1,000)	(1,000)	
Eggs in incubators: March 1 .....	37,166	38,773	104
Chicks hatched during February	36,861	40,120	109
Chicks hatched January thru February .....	74,944	78,914	105
Pullets hatched during February for intended placements in hatchery supply flocks .....	256	296	116
7-18 months earlier <sup>1</sup> .....	2,968	3,296	111
<b>BROILER-TYPE</b>			
Eggs in incubators March 1 .....	634,244	642,804	101
Chicks hatched during February	700,913	699,776	100
Chicks hatched January thru February .....	1,479,314	1,475,391	100
Pullets hatched during February for intended placements in hatchery supply flocks .....	7,215	7,360	102
7-15 months earlier <sup>1</sup> .....	65,444	61,817	94

<sup>1</sup> 2010 includes pullet chicks hatched August 2008 through July 2009.

<sup>2</sup> 2010 includes pullet chicks hatched November 2008 through July 2009.

### Milk Cows and Production - Florida and United States

Month and year	Milk Cows <sup>1</sup>	Monthly milk Production <sup>2</sup>	
		Per cow	Monthly Total
	(1,000)	(pounds)	(million pounds)
<b>FLORIDA</b>			
February 2009 .....	117	1,540	180
January 2010 .....	112	1,615	181
February 2010 .....	112	1,530	171
<b>23 MAJOR STATES</b>			
February 2009 .....	8,486	1,605	13,624
January 2010 .....	8,315	1,784	14,831
February 2010 .....	8,318	1,640	13,643
<b>UNITED STATES</b>			
February 2009 .....	9,289	1,588	14,754
January 2010 .....	9,085	1,767	16,054
February 2010 .....	9,088	1,625	14,768

<sup>1</sup> Includes dry cows. Excludes heifers not yet fresh.

<sup>2</sup> Excludes milk fed to calves.

## Milk Production

### Florida

Florida dairy farms produced 171 million pounds of milk during February 2010, five percent below the previous February. Production per cow in February of 1,530 pounds was one percent below February of last year. Milk cow numbers on Florida dairy farms in February totaled 112 thousand, four percent below last year.

### United States

Milk production in the 23 major States during February totaled 13.6 billion pounds, up 0.1 percent from February 2009. January revised production at 14.8 billion pounds, was down 0.5 percent from January 2009. The January revision represented an increase of 14 million pounds or 0.1 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate. Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,640 pounds for February, 35 pounds above February 2009. The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.32 million head, 168,000 head less than February 2009, but 3,000 head more than January 2010.

## Livestock Slaughter

Commercial red meat output in Florida for February 2010 was 8.1 million pounds, nine percent above the same month last year. Commercial production of red meat in the United States for March, at 37.4 billion pounds was two percent below 2009.

### Commercial Slaughter and Red Meat Production - Florida and United States

Source and kind	February 2009	January 2010	February 2010	Year to date 2009	Year to date 2010
<b>FLORIDA</b>					
Hogs:					
Head slaughtered ..... 1,000 head	4.5	5.5	6.0	8.9	11.5
Total liveweight ..... 1,000 pounds	805	878	807	1,534	1,685
Sheep and Lambs:					
Head slaughtered ..... 1,000 head	0.2	(2)	(2)	0.5	(2)
Total liveweight ..... 1,000 pounds	12	(2)	(2)	26	(2)
Red meat production <sup>1</sup> ..... million pounds	7.4	8.9	8.1	15.7	17.0
<b>UNITED STATES</b>					
Cattle:					
Head slaughtered ..... 1,000 head	2,528.5	2,707.2	2,547.6	5,246.2	5,254.9
Total liveweight ..... million pounds	3,301	3,481	3,261	6,839	6,742
Average liveweight ..... pounds	1,310	1,290	1,285	1,308	1,287
Beef production ..... million pounds	1,986.0	2,083.1	1,955.7	4,103.9	4,038.7
Calves:					
Head slaughtered ..... 1,000 head	74.1	82.8	74.0	158.7	156.8
Total liveweight ..... million pounds	19	19	18	39	37
Average liveweight ..... pounds	257	238	247	251	243
Veal production ..... million pounds	11.0	11.6	10.7	23.0	22.3
Hogs:					
Head slaughtered ..... 1,000 head	8,918.9	*8,909.6	8,691.2	18,846.2	17,600.8
Total liveweight ..... million pounds	2,421	2,416	2,347	5,118	4,763
Average liveweight ..... pounds	272	272	270	272	271
Pork production ..... million pounds	1,817.3	*1,810.1	1,757.4	3,844.3	3,567.6
Sheep and Lambs:					
Head slaughtered ..... 1,000 head	179.5	186.6	178.4	368.7	365.0
Total liveweight ..... million pounds	25	26	25	52	51
Lamb and Mutton ..... million pounds	12.7	12.8	12.3	26.0	25.2
Red meat production <sup>1</sup> ..... million pounds	3,827.0	*3,917.6	3,736.1	7,997.2	7,653.8

\* Revised.

<sup>1</sup> Includes total beef, veal, pork, lamb, and mutton.

<sup>2</sup> Included in United States total to avoid disclosing individual operations.